

[CHAPTER 763]

AN ACT

To include as allowable service under the Act of July 6, 1945, service performed in the military forces and on war transfer by employees in the field service of the Post Office Department.

June 30, 1948
[S. 2730]
[Public Law 850]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 25 of the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945 (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 39, sec. 875), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Post Office Department.

59 Stat. 461.

Allowable service.

"Sec. 25. Allowable service under the provisions of this Act shall be only such continuous active service as has been rendered and shall not include previous periods or terms of employment, except that in the case of employees who have been separated or shall hereafter be separated from the field service of the Post Office Department for military duty, or to comply with a war transfer as defined by the Civil Service Commission, the periods or terms of such service immediately preceding entry into military service or immediately preceding such transfer, as well as the time engaged in military service and service on war transfer, shall be construed as allowable service, and pro rata credit shall be given for the time engaged in military service and service on war transfer for each year of such service."

Relief of liability.

SEC. 2. Any person who prior to the enactment of this Act received any amounts the payment of which is authorized for the first time by this Act is hereby relieved of all liability to refund such amounts to the United States; and in the audit and settlement of the accounts of any postmaster, or of any other designated disbursing officer of the Post Office Department or postal service, the payment of such amounts shall be considered to have been authorized. The Postmaster General is hereby authorized and directed to repay, out of any funds hereafter appropriated pursuant to the authority of this Act, any amounts heretofore credited to the employee or refunded by him to the United States on account of such receipt by him of unauthorized payments.

Repayment of refunds.

SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 4. The amendment made by the first section of this Act to section 25 of the Act of July 6, 1945, shall take effect as of July 1, 1945.

Effective date.
Supra.

Approved June 30, 1948.

[CHAPTER 764]

AN ACT

To amend section 11 of the Act approved June 5, 1942 (56 Stat. 317), relating to Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes.

June 30, 1948
[H. R. 2096]
[Public Law 851]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 11 of the Act approved June 5, 1942 (56 Stat. 317, 319; 16 U. S. C. sec. 404c-11), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky.

"In order to provide for acquisition of property on behalf of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of this section, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of not to exceed \$350,000. Any of the funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions hereof which are not needed to acquire property as authorized by this section may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be used to acquire lands and interests in lands required for the development of

Appropriation authorized.

Acquisition of lands.